

# Park Ranger Programs

Discover Grand Canyon with free programs given by park rangers and volunteers; no reservations needed. Programs take place in or near Grand Canyon Village; see page 8 for Desert View programs. Parking is limited; ride the free shuttle buses to program locations.

Programs may be cancelled during inclement weather. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all programs. All program times are mountain standard; Arizona does not recognize daylight-saving time.

| Time    | Programs   | Meeting Location   | Duration      | Special Notes   |
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| 9:30 am | <b>Rim Nature Walk</b> Explore what lives and grows along the South Rim during a leisurely walk in one of the most biologically diverse parks in the United States.          | Yavapai Geology Museum   | 60 minutes    |   |
| 11 am   | <b>Mather Point Talk</b> Discover some of the many treasures of Grand Canyon. Topics vary daily.   | Mather Point Amphitheater  | 30 minutes    | Great for Junior Rangers! Accessible.   |
| 1:30 pm | <b>History Walk</b> Hear stories of people's enduring relationship with Grand Canyon on a walk through the village historic district.  | Verkamp's Visitor Center   | 60 minutes    | Perfect for train passengers. Parking is limited; ride the Village Route shuttle bus. |
| 2 pm    | <b>Condor Talk</b> Learn about the majestic and endangered California condor and its reintroduction to northern Arizona.   | Mather Point Amphitheater  | 30–45 minutes | Accessible.   |
| 3 pm    | <b>Geology Walk</b> Discover Grand Canyon's amazing geologic story. Why is it so deep, wide, and grand? Why does it exist only here in the world?                            | Yavapai Geology Museum   | 60 minutes    |   |
| 3:30 pm | <b>Elk-ology</b> Discover the secrets behind elk survival, understand their behavior, and learn about the park's management concerns.  | El Tovar Lawn  | 30 minutes    | Parking is limited; ride the Village Route shuttle bus. Accessible.                   |
| 7 pm    | <b>Evening Program</b> Relax in a beautiful auditorium and enjoy a presentation on Grand Canyon's fascinating natural or cultural history. Check visitor centers for topics. | McKee Amphitheater<br>Sept. 4–8; Shrine of the Ages Sept. 9 to Nov. 30 | 60 minutes    | Accessible.   |

## Inside the Canyon

Going to Phantom Ranch or Indian Garden? Join a park ranger to discover the many wonders of the inner canyon. Programs vary and cover a wide range of natural and cultural history topics. *These programs are offered in Grand Canyon's backcountry and only accessible by a long, strenuous hike or mule ride.*

### Indian Garden, Intermittent

Check the bulletin board for program topics, locations, and times. Accessible only by hiking 4.5 miles (7.2 km) down Bright Angel Trail.

## Special Programs

As staffing allows and weather permits, additional programs and walks may be offered. Check visitor centers for times and locations of potential fossil walks, Kolb Studio tours, moon walks, star talks, and graveyard tours.

## Discover the Canyon by Phone

Enjoy two-minute interpretive park ranger talks at 30 locations throughout the park. Wherever you see a cell phone tour sign, dial 928-225-2907 and enter the stop number. There is no additional charge; standard rates apply. Funded by the Grand Canyon Association.

## Get Your Badge On

Children ages four and older can pick up a free Junior Ranger book from any visitor center. Have fun learning about Grand Canyon, complete activities, attend a park ranger program, and earn a badge and certificate. Unique Junior Ranger programs are also available at Phantom Ranch, North Rim (May to October), and more than 250 national parks, seashores, and monuments nationwide.

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Phantom Ranch, 4 pm and 7:30 pm, Daily  
Check bulletin boards for program  
locations and topics. Junior Ranger  
activity book available. Accessible  
only by hiking or a mule ride to the  
bottom of Grand Canyon.

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